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INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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SUBJ: R/V ALPHA HELIX MARINE BIOLOGY EXPEDITION.

REF: JAKARTA 2756.

1. PER PARA 6 REFTEL SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER PASSED COPIES OF REFTEL AND PREVIOUS RELATED TELEGRAMS TO PROFESSOR HARRIDGE OF ANU MARCH 6. LATER, HORRIDGE CALLED AT EMBASSY TO DISCUSS SITUATION AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE.

2. BRIEFLY, HORRIDGE FEARS PROBLEMS WITH INDONESIANS OVER CLEARANCES, VISAS, ETC. MAY VERY WELL NOT BE RESOLVED IN TIME FOR ALPHA HELIX TO PROCEED WITH EXPEDITION AS PLANNED. TO AVOID WASTING TIME OF VESSEL, CREW AND SCIENTISTS INVOLVED IF PROBLEMS NOT RESOLVED SHORTLY, HORRIDGE HOPES TO DEVELOP A "FALL-BACK" SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM IN AUSTRALIA TO REPLACE PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY INDONESIAN EXPEDITION. HE PROPOSES SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES CENTERED ON LIZARD ISLAND (LATITUDE 14 DEG S, LONGITUDE 144.30 DEG 3), OFF QUEENSLAND COAST NORTH OF COOKTOWN. HORRIDGE WILL CALL PROFESSOR CASE OF SCRIPPS INSTITUTE EARLY MARCH 7 (CANBERRA TIME) TO DISCUSS SITUATION BUT ASKS THAT DEPARTMENT ALSO TELEPHONE CASE TO INFORM HIM OF THIS

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TEL AND REFTEL. HORRIDGE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE NECESSARY

AUSTRALIAN CLEARANCES FOR ALPHA HELIX WITH DEPT.
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FYI VESSEL DUE IN CAIRNS MARCH 9,
SO TIME TO ARRANGE "FALL-BAKC" PROGRAM IS SHORT END
FYI.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM PROFESSOR
CASE OF THIS TEL AND JAKARTA 2756. ALSO, EMBASSY
WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING CASE'S VIEWS ON HORRIDGE
PROPOSAL.
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